

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act - Permission for improvement and strengthening of existing BT road from Km 73/395 to 79/036 (5.641 km) from Nakrekal to Nagarjunasagar section of NH-565 from km 1.00 to 86.57 passing through Nellikal Reserve Forest part of Amrabad Tiger Reserve of Wildlife Management Division Nagarjunasagar, in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Hyderabad - Accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 197

Dated: 05/11/2015
Read the following:-

1. From CWLW & Spl. PCCF (Dev.), TS, Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.13390/2015/WL-1,Dt.20.08.2015.
2. From the GOI, MoEF, New Delhi, Lr.No.11-48/2002-FC, Dt. 14.9.2004.
3. From the GOI, MoEF&CC, WL Division, New Delhi, Lr.No.6-62/2013-WL, Dt. 22.12.2014.

O R D E R:

In the letter 1st read above, the Chief Wildlife Warden & Spl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Dev.), Telangana State, Hyderabad, has submitted a proposal for according permission for improvement and strengthening of existing BT road from Km 73/395 to 79/036 (5.641 km) from Nakrekal to Nagarjunasagar section of NH-565 from km 1.00 to 86.57 passing through Nellikal Reserve Forest part of Amrabad Tiger Reserve of Wildlife Management Division Nagarjunasagar, in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Hyderabad.

2. The proposal has been examined with reference to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, New Delhi with regard to strengthening of existing BT roads constructed on Forest Land prior to 1980 in the references 2nd & 3rd read above.

3. After careful examination of the proposal and in exercise of the powers delegated to State Government in the guidelines issued by Government of India, in this regard from time to time, Government hereby accord permission to the Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana, Hyderabad, for improvement and strengthening of existing BT road from Km 73/395 to 79/036 (5.641 km) from Nakrekal to Nagarjunasagar section of NH-565 from km 1.00 to 86.57 passing through Nellikal Reserve Forest part of Amrabad Tiger Reserve of Wildlife Management Division Nagarjunasagar, in favour of Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) No tree felling should be allowed.
- (ii) No widening of roads should be undertaken without prior permission of the Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- (iii) No breaking of fresh forest land is carried out.
- (iv) While black-topping, adequate precaution should be taken by the user agency to avoid any damage to flora and fauna.

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- (v) The up-gradation of roads constructed in forest areas prior to 1980 from 'Kutchha to Pucca' is allowed to the extent that these roads are not black topped/tarred, and if during the process of up-gradation, the roads need to be black topped/tarred, prior environmental clearance shall be sought by the user agency in this regard.
- (vi) The conditions stipulated by Divisional Forest Officer, Wildlife Management Division, Nagarjunsagar, Chief Conservator of Forests / FDPT Amarabad Tiger Reserve and Chief Wildlife Warden, TS, Hyderabad in Part-II, III & IV respectively shall also comply.

4. The User Agency and Forest Department shall ensure that the following management considerations are taken care of while execution of work:-

- i. Ban on night traffic (dusk to dawn) is essential to save animals from disturbance from the constant flow of traffic, and thus allow them passage. It is recommended that night traffic bans should be initiated and applied in Core Critical Tiger Habitats, National Parks and Sanctuaries. There are such existing bans in various Tiger Reserves and NPs. Night passes may be provided for villagers/communities living within the Pas.
- ii. Strong regulations controlling, timing and traffic volumes need to be built in for all roads through Protected Areas and critical habitats.
- iii. Speed reduction is a must to reduce wild animal mortality, and can be achieved through imposed speed limits and speed breakers.
- iv. Vehicles should not be allowed to stop within PAs.
- v. No use of horns within the PA, and no littering.
- vi. Speed Restrictions and other guidelines that spell out rules and avoidance of disturbance to wildlife and habitat along roads in Pas, must be prominently conveyed through well-designed signboards, at entry and exit points and all other relevant locations.
- vii. Establishment of check posts by the forest department, at both entry and exit points.
- viii. Wherever possible, natural animal crossings existing across roads should be retained evergreen/semi evergreen forests is an essential attribute for the movement of arboreal species. Passages to waterholes and daily movements of animals must also be safeguarded.
- ix. Underpasses: well-designed tunnels, culverts, pipes, and other structures can function as underpasses below roads and bridges, for a wide-range of terrestrial and aquatic species. Underpasses can also be deployed below railway lines/highways for passage of large bodied animals, viz elephants, tigers.
- x. During maintenance works in existing roads, the underlying principle should be that work must be carried on in a speedy manner, with minimal disturbance to wildlife and with adherence to all rules and regulations that govern wildlife and PAs.

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- xi. No work should be allowed between 6 pm to 8 am (just before dusk to just after dawn).
- xii. The labour force required for road maintenance must have their camps outside, the concerned PA.
- xiii. No firewood cutting or fuel collection from within the PA.
- xiv. Waste/debris should not be dumped in the PA/or adjoining rivers/nullas/water bodies.
- xv. No taking of any material like sand, gravel etc from the PA. All materials for construction, road maintenance etc should be brought from outside.
- xvi. No vegetation, tree should be cut or damaged / during the maintenance.

5. The Chief Wildlife Warden, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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The Executive Engineer (R&B), NH Division, Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER